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CHINESE NAVY -- STATUS

1. China has received aid in rebuilding her Navy from the United States and the United Kingdom in addition to certain allocations of Japanese ships. The political and economic chaos within the country is reflected in the Navy and at present it is impossible to ascertain from the operational standpoint the status of Chinese ships.

2. The following ships are listed in the Chinese Navy:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	CL	Ex-British, at present time non-operational due to lack of personnel.
6	DD	Ex-Japanese. One (1) is operational, five (5) are non-operational.
13	DE	Ex-Japanese. Two (2) operational, the remainder non-operational.
4	DE	Transferred from U. S. Navy.
3	PF	Ex-British.
8	AM	From U. S. Navy.
4	YMS	From U. S. Navy.
12	PC	From U. S. Navy.

3. Chinese Naval operations are limited to Coastal Defence due to poor material condition and personnel inefficiency.

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